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## Navy skillbridge instruction

UNCLASSIFIED NAVADMIN MESSAGE This message updates the procedures for registering for the SkillBridge program. The new application portal at myeducation.netc.navy.mil is now active, replacing email registrations. Sailors seeking to participate in SkillBridge must register and apply through this portal. Those with prior command approval are exempt from the updated guidelines. **\*\*SkillBridge Guidelines\*\*** \* Participation is limited by pay grade: 180 days for E5 and below, 120 days for E6-E9, and 90 days for O4 and above. \* Tier four applicants (officers O5 and above) require positive endorsement from OPNAV N13 before starting SkillBridge. Commanding officers must certify that participation won't result in a gapped billet. **\*\*Changes to Policy\*\*** \* The time allowed for program participation is now based on pay grade, with limits for each tier. \* Tier four applicants are subject to additional requirements and endorsements from OPNAV N13. **\*\*Important Reminders\*\*** \* SkillBridge is intended for transition assistance and skill development. Participation does impact readiness, and applications must be submitted through the new application portal. \* Sailors participating in SkillBridge should do so prior to terminal leave or permissive temporary duty associated with separation, fleet reserve, or retirement. 1. Prior to starting SkillBridge, officers must fulfill their minimum service requirement for commissioning. 2. Officers on a retention bonus cannot begin SkillBridge until the service obligation is complete. 3. Commanding Officers (COs) should consider potential mission readiness impacts of allowing Sailors in receipt of special pays to participate in SkillBridge, and are authorized to deny or curtail requests as needed. 4. Sailors relinquishing overseas housing allowances to return to the continental United States for SkilBridge participation are not currently eligible for a new housing allowance, but OPNAV is working with the Department of Defense to develop a solution. 5. All other policies remain in effect, and additional resources can be found at . 6. Questions regarding SkillBridge policy should be directed to navy\_skillbridge.fct@navy.mil or (703) 604-5310. 7. This message will remain in effect until superseded or canceled, whichever occurs first. When seeking employment or accepting gifts, personnel must follow the guidelines provided by the DOD Standards of Conduct Office (SOCO), found at . Additionally, they should comply with specific ethics standards for their service. If ethics-related concerns arise, individuals can seek advice from their command's designated ethics counselor or a legal assistance attorney from their Regional Legal Service Office (RLSO). They may also refer to their Office of General Counsel (OGC) for further guidance.